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INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND SPIES

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The trace was almost unnoticeable. It could be distinguished only by the sharp eye of a frontier guard according to barely perceptible signs: a broken twig, slightly trampled grass, a stone pressed into the earth... All this spoke of the fact that a person who had violated the state border was using cunning to ensure that his crossing to foreign territory remained unnoticed.

Who is this person? Why did his appearance cause an alert of the frontier guards, who nevertheless did not succeed in picking up the intruder? How can it be explained that his penetration into the country put into motion another large government apparatus which took steps to search for this person?

A spy has stolen into the country, and no one knows why he has come, what specific purpose he is pursuing, or what can be expected from this "visit"... One thing only is known: the spy has been sent by the intelligence service of the enemy to find out state secrets or perform other hostile acts, i.e. to inflict certain and possibly irreparable harm.

The danger of penetration of spies and diversionists into the country and the necessity to prevent and cut short their intelligence and diversionary activities is one of the basic reasons for the existence of the frontier guard on the borders between states and for the maintenance of costly counter-intelligence apparatus.

Intelligence services have existed since time immemorial. Some investigators believe that the first steps in this field were made 33 centuries ago. They are connected with the appearance of wars and the need to learn the strength and intentions of the enemy in order to deceive him and gain victory. The forms, techniques and means of espionage and the types of spies and agents have changed over the course of many centuries, becoming ever more complex and specialized.

This secret service attains its greatest size and scope in the capi-